

Filling out your Basis of Claim form

I want to change something in my BOC. What should I do?

You can delete, add, or change information on your Basis of Claim (BOC) form up to **10 days** before your refugee hearing. Changes to your BOC are called 'BOC Amendments'. Talk to your legal representative if you need to make changes after this deadline.

Making changes to your BOC should be done carefully. Try not to make many big changes unless you really need to. If you make too many big changes, the Refugee Board may be less likely to believe you.

Keep any documents that show why you had to change your BOC.

Here's how to make changes:

1	Make the changes on your copy of your BOC.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cross out the information you want to change or delete.<li>2. Underline the new information you have added.<li>3. If you need more space, use a separate page and underline the changes. <p>For example: I left my country <u>Turkey</u> in on January <u>23</u>, 2019.</p>

2.	<p>Explain why you're changing information. Include documents or evidence that support the information. You can explain this in the BOC if there's enough place, or on a separate page that you attach to your BOC. Here are some examples:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You found a mistake or forgot to mention an important detail. ● You did not have a legal representative when you filled out the forms and so did not fill them out properly. ● You did not have time to give details because the forms were due. ● It was difficult to fill out because you were detained or had physical or mental health issues. ● The situation in your home country has changed, for example, war, civil unrest, natural disaster, or political change. ● Something happened to a family member or friend in your home country that is relevant to your claim. ● You did something in Canada since you filed your BOC that might affect the risk you face in your country, for example, you revealed your sexual identity or orientation, made a political statement, or changed your religion.

3.	<p>Sign and date each page of your BOC that has changes.</p>
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4.	<p>Sign and date the Claimant's declaration at the end of the BOC. If you included the changes on extra paper, attach a signed declaration.</p>
	<p>You can use this declaration:</p> <p>I, [YOUR NAME] declare that the information in the BOC form together with this amendment is complete, true, and correct. I understand that this declaration has the same force as an oath.</p>

5.	If you don't read English, your interpreter must date and sign a new Interpreter's declaration after they read and interpret the updated BOC to you.
	You can copy and paste this declaration: I, [INTERPRETER'S NAME], of the City of [CITY] in the province of Ontario, hereby declare that I am proficient in both the [LANGUAGE] and [English / French] languages, and that I have accurately translated the attached amendment to the best of my skill and ability.

Checklist

- I crossed out the information I want to change or delete.
- I underlined new information.
- I explained everything I changed and added.
- I included supporting documents and evidence.
- I signed and dated every page that had changes.
- I attached a declaration that I signed and dated.
- I attached a declaration signed and dated by an interpreter.
- I sent the Refugee Board a copy of the BOC that I changed.

You can find more information about
Refugee Law at stepstojustice.ca.

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